MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal:

This project will replace a non-motorized recreation bridge over Waddell Creek in Capitol State Forest. The bridge was destroyed when it was swept away in a large storm event in the winter of 2007. The bridge provides a critical point of access for the non-motorized trail system in Capitol Forest. The loss of the old bridge is creating management challenges with safety and resource protection concerns.

Description of mitigation: The following mitigation measures will be implemented with this proposal:

- All earth work associated with bridge installation will be done during the dry season, per WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife Hydraulics Permit guidelines.
- All work involving ground disturbance will occur outside of the 100 year floodplain.
- > The most current design and construction techniques will be used for bridge footing construction and bridge installation to minimize impacts on water quality.
- Erosion control measures such as sediment fences, spreading straw, replanting native vegetation, and grass seeding will be done to mitigate impacts to the streams.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal: This project is located in Capitol State Forest in the SW ¼ of section 28 of township 17N, Range 3W in Thurston County. It is accessed from the Margaret McKenny campground, which is located off of Waddell Creek Road.

Lead agency: <u>Department of Natural Resources</u>

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[] There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.
[X] This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from August 25, 2009. Comments must be submitted by Septem Nor 09, 2009.
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